

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A woven or knitted durable elastic article which article has been subjected to a treatment wherein the treatment is selected from the group consisting of:

a) exposure to a 10% by weight sodium hypochlorite solution for a period of at least 90 minutes at a temperature of at least 140°F;

b) exposure to a 5% by weight permanganate solution for a period of at least 90 minutes at a temperature of at least 140°F; ~~and~~

~~c) 50 cycles of industrial laundering at temperatures at least about 65°C;~~

~~d) 20 cycles of drycleaning with perchloroethylene; or~~

~~e) mercerization;~~

wherein after treatment such article exhibits growth of less than 20% as determined according to ASTM D3107, and

wherein said elastic article comprises a yarn comprising a monofilament ~~[olefin] elastic~~ fiber that will recover at least about 50% of its stretched length after the first pull and after the fourth pull to 100% strain and an inelastic fiber.

2. (Original) The article of Claim 1 wherein the growth is less than 10%.

3. (Original) The article of Claim 1 wherein the growth is less than 8%.

4. ~~(Previously presented)~~ The article of Claim 3 which has been subjected to two or more of the treatments.

5. (Original) The article of Claim 3 wherein the article is stone washed.

6. ~~(currently amended)~~ The article of Claim 1 wherein the ~~article comprises elastic fiber comprising comprises~~ crosslinked homogeneously branched ethylene polymer.

7. (Original) The article of Claim 1 wherein the article is a fabric.

8. ~~(Original/Previously Cancelled)~~ ~~The fabric of Claim 7 in which the fabric is woven or knitted.~~

9. (Original) A garment made from the fabric of Claim 7.

10. (Original) The garment of Claim 9 wherein the garment is swimwear.

11. (Currently amended) A treated woven or knitted garment made from elastic fabric wherein the treatment is selected from the group consisting of:

a) exposure to a 10% by weight sodium hypochlorite solution for a period of at least 90 minutes at a temperature of at least 140°F;

b) exposure to a 5% by weight permanganate solution for a period of at least 90 minutes at a temperature of at least 140°F; and

~~e) 50 cycles of industrial laundering at temperatures at least about 65°C;~~

~~d) 20 cycles of drycleaning with perchloroethylene; and~~

~~ec) mercerization;~~

wherein the garment exhibits growth of no more than about 20% as determined according to ASTM D3107 and

wherein said elastic fabric comprises a yarn comprising a monofilament ~~crosslinked olefin-elastic~~ fiber that will recover at least about 50% of its stretched length after the first pull and after the fourth pull to 100% strain and an inelastic fiber.

12. (Original) The garment of Claim 11 wherein the treatment was done to the fiber prior to making the fabric.

13. (Original) The garment of Claim 11 wherein the treatment was done to the fabric prior to assembling the garment.

14. (Original) The garment of Claim 11 wherein the treatment was done to the fabricated garment.

15. (Original) The garment of Claim 11 wherein the treatment included two or more elements of the group.

16. (Original) The garment of Claim 11 wherein the garment is swimwear.

17. (Original) The garment of Claim 11 wherein the fabric is denim.

18. (Original) The garment of Claim 11 wherein the garment is a uniform.

19. (Original) The garment of Claim 18 wherein the uniform is a rental uniform.

20. (Original) The garment of Claim 11 wherein the garment is made from fabric comprising fibers made from homogeneously branched ethylene polymer.

21. (currently amended) The article of claim 1, wherein the monofilament ~~elastic fiber is an~~ olefin fiber and the olefin fiber has been subjected to at least 19.2 mrad of ionizing radiation.